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## Association Member Falsely Accused

### A.A.M.M. Member Acquitted of Practicing Chiropractic

Dr. Robert S. Davis, Pittsburgh dentist who is principle investigator for the Department of Public Instruction, Bureau of Professional Licenses, filed charges against Mr. Fox, an A.A.M.M. Masseur, for practicing Chiropractic. Now that Mr. Fox has successfully defended himself, the dentist should be educated as to what constitutes massage and chiropractic. The chiropractors must have led this gullible dentist to believe massage was chiropractic. If the chips were down we believe we could prove that chiropractic, as originally taught, has a very limited field and little that they use today in their practice can be considered of their own origination. If all types of massage and physical therapy manipulations were denied the chiropractors today, I wonder how they would feel about such restrictions. They have more to lose in being denied massage and physical therapy than masseurs have to gain in adopting chiropractic techniques. Masseurs rarely copy techniques from other professions, they have so many good ones of their own to cope with most of the bodily infirmities, and we believe a great deal more effectively. Being so

many chiropractic schools have already included massage and physical therapy in their curriculums speaks for itself, it appears they wish to eventually claim both of these as part of chiropractic. We believe the purpose of having our A.A.M.M. member, Mr. Fox arrested for practicing chiropractic was with the idea of seeing how far they could go in claiming massage as a part of their profession. Fortunately for the masseurs and masseeuses in Pennsylvania the scheme did not work this time, but it should serve as a warning to all masseurs and masseeuses that they are vulnerable to a freeze-out from most any quarter. In this case it was fortunate that they tackled an A.A.M.M. member who had the support of a National organization. This situation will be repeated in any state where the chiropractors have legislation in their favor. We urge all practitioners of massage to seek membership in the A.A.M.M. and work diligently for massage legislation in your state.

D. S. Carlson, President  
National A.A.M.M.

### ATTENTION

Dear Editor:

I am sure that our National Membership Committee would want me, as chairman of this

committee to wish all our Officers and members from the East Coast of this U. S. to the West Coast a Happy and Prosperous New Year. And really I do heartily wish all of you a Happy New Year.

But in addition to that I think it is important to make at this time a partial report of the success our Association is having.

To many of you it may seem small. Positively it is not small. It is big. It is a big gain our association has made since August, in new members.

We have had in the last half of 1955-29 (twenty-nine) new members, as follows:

Alabama, 1; California, 1; Florida, 1; Georgia, 1; Iowa, 1; Illinois, 1; Indiana, 7; Kentucky, 2; Michigan, 2; Missouri, 1; Oregon, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Nebraska, 3; Utah, 4; Washington, 1. Total 29.

We haven't set up any new Charters since August, but we are informed that it won't be long until there will be another new Charter set up—It might also be that some applications are being held until Charter Meetings are had.

Anyhow, I wish to thank these bright members who have gone out of their way to get new members, and we hope this will encourage the others.

Fraternally, M. A. N.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The American Medical Association is a hard task master and demands of its members utter loyalty to its orthodoxy. To depart is heretical and traitorous and the label of "quack" is forthcoming which is followed by complete ostracism. To be certain it is vicious and undemocratic to stifle independent thought and action in so important a field. Nevertheless, with an iron hand and undemocratic procedures, the A.M.A. has become a strong monopoly and has convinced itself (most members) that it should be the only healing profession. The A.A.M.M. is a small organization and we need the loyalty to our principles and pledge but we also pride ourselves that we are democratic and that we foster free and independent thought. We must guard against any split in our ranks that may result in a weakened condition but rather unite in effort in order to exist as a profession.

Many masseurs and masseuses have the inclination to "let well enough alone" or in other words, where they are free to practice, make no effort to solidify their

ground by massage legislation. It seems that efforts toward legislation come after the "freeze out" attempts start. We must be aware of the fact that the first attempts toward "freeze out" start with the legislation aimed at registering physical therapists and requiring them to practice only under prescription by an M.D. Although we are aware that the program of registering physical therapy does not provide for the needs of massage we are not taking definite steps to inform the public of the massage program. To make the public aware of massage is to initiate a good public relations program on the state or local level with the coordination of the national organization. National organization coordination means the program will be more lasting as it usually is above splits caused by vengeance and childish actions that may disrupt a program at its inception.

We do not believe it to be a loss if a member wishes to withdraw from inability to cooperate with the majority. There is bound to be differences of opinion in any organization but we feel our members should be able to rise above petty differences in view of the common goal. We might add that we also feel that the majority of A. A. M. M. members have the greatness to cooperate in grace even though there may at times arise differences. We hope the A.A.M.M. will never become dictatorial as some are today but neither should we sacrifice principle to satisfy the whims of unruly members and thereby jeopardize our position..

Much credit is due the early members who continued to pay dues through the discouraging years and who had the vision and foresight to see a better day ahead for our organization. These pioneers have not received the honor due them from those who came into the A.A.M.M. at a later date. The National President wishes to pay tribute to these stalwart

loyal pioneers of the A.A.M.M. as they have made the A.A.M.M. the strong organization it is today so let us aim at continuing these policies. We are hoping that each succeeding year will demonstrate greater activity in the various chapters and the appointed committee will achieve results they can be proud to report at the conventions.

### SUGGESTIONS PLEASE!

Coffeyville, Kansas  
November 11, 1935

Arthur D. Melson,  
Sec'y-Treas.,  
Joliet, Ill.  
Dear Mr. Melson

Received your letter and in reply will say that I do not know of anyone in the state of Kansas who might throw away money in advertising in the National Paper.

Personally I can't see where it would do anyone any good unless it would be from some one selling something used by a masseur and we do not have anything like that that I know of in Kansas.

I also have received a mimeograph sheet from D. S. Carlson that they are having some sleeve emblems made. If these are to be sent out expecting operators to pay for them without ordering them I am not paying for them.

Last year Mrs. Williams had sent out stamps with emblems on. I paid for them but I told her then if they ever came again they would not be paid for.

I get sick and tired of that kind of stuff being sent out, stamps, cards, ties, comes to me and I have quit paying for any of that stuff. If I did I would be broke.

Sincerely yours,  
F. A. Stinson,  
President Kansas Chapter.

Dr. Chas. W. Brooks,  
Editor, The Masseur.

Several thoughts have come to my mind since reading the article on business conditions by my friend and fellow member, Milton A. Niedfelt.

It has come to my attention by observation, and from my clientele in private practice and through the athletic clubs where I have worked, that it is not the variety of names used for their places of business, but the variety of techniques that we use, and variety of technicians, that makes for success or failure for us.

In my travels over the western parts of the U.S.A. I have made it a practice to visit a fellow technician where ever possible. It has been my experience to find that the words massage, masseur, or masseuse, did not mean a thing. Even if one or more of these words were used in their professional sign. Some were not doing a thing that could even be called a massage. Fortunately this was not the general rule, some were doing a terrific job in massage technique. Others were doing manipulations and electrical therapy, others electrical and mechanical therapy alone, yet their signs said, Massage or Masseur or Masseuse. So how are you going to know, what you are going to get when you enter an office displaying a sign that doesn't mean what you do. That is the general complaint that I hear from athletic club members, who travel a great deal.

My opinion is, that our techniques should be more uniform, so that the general public will know the real meaning of massage. I feel that the money we spent in compiling our directory and the advertising of each individual was of little benefit. I would hesitate to refer a patient to another technician, being unable to determine their technique by their advertising.

There are other factors that are important to our success, such as location, and parking facilities. (Though it has been said, if you are good, the public will beat a path to your door.) I have found that advertising in the classified section of telephone directory is the best form of paid advertising.

but word of mouth from satisfied clientele is by far the best method of all. If your office is neat and you do good work, it will sell itself.

I do not mean to convey the idea that the methods I use are the perfect way. I have learned many things from other technicians and hope to learn more, I would like to see more conformity in our work as masseurs and masseuses.

Fraternally,  
John A. Murray.

## EXPERIENCE

The Seattle chapter of the A.A.M.M. met and agreed that each member would try to write an article on some phase of the massage profession. This is my little contribution. I write it for the purpose of provoking some thought on a subject that has caused controversy ever since I have joined this order. These are my findings. I put them forward hoping that others will look into them and see if their experience matches ours.

There is persisting within our members a fear of the Medical men, a fear that they will at some time, bring about action that will put us out of business. And then the feeling exists that they withhold their cooperation from us where they might use our services to better serve their patients. This latter proposition has engaged my attention of late and I have made some inquiries about it. Perplexed by this problem I decided to take it to one of my friends of the medical profession and get his thoughts on the subject. Putting the question to the Doctor straightforwardly, I received the following bit of information.

Doctor John began his remarks by saying that he had heard no discussions on the point from any of the medical men's meetings and had no knowledge of their having any official position on the matter. However, he told me his own ex-

periences were as follows. Dr. John says that for years he has known the value of massage and has used it often, whenever he could find the proper masseur. There has been difficulties accompanying his use of masseurs however. His experiences have been that very often he has found that the masseur has been poorly trained or unwilling to follow directions given him for the care of his patient, or that the masseur has been careless of his personal appearance as well as the appearance of his place of business. This has brought embarrassment to him because of the unwillingness of patients to go to persons or places that are not up to their expectations of cleanliness and sanitation. The doctor told me that he would use massage much more when he can find masseurs who are skilled and willing to follow directions and who are themselves and their places of business as clean and tidy as their patients have a right to expect.

There are masseurs, as we all know, who do not feel that these standards are necessary, and some who think they are not even desirable. There must be a standard set on this score of sanitation that must be maintained as a requisite to membership in the A.A.M.M. if we are to keep the respect of the public as well as that of other professions in the healing field. The public has been educated to accept nothing less than the best and will accept nothing less.

Dr. I. C. Munger.

Dr. I. C. Munger Jr., now President of the Washington State Medical Assn. addressed our state convention at Mancover, Washington in 1954 and told us that among other things we should refrain from name calling and other gossip that would run each other down. That, too, I think was meant that we should refrain from running down the medical men. And I think that it is self-evident that if we wish the goodwill of these people we must not

be engaged in the practice of spreading ill-will among the public towards the medical people or I believe they will be irritated into taking punitive action against us.

This does not mean that if we are placed in jeopardy by any action of any person or group, that we should not fight back, but to the contrary, we should be prepared at all times to uphold our personal rights with all the might we can bring to bear on anyone who causes us trouble.

Arthur Dunbar.

## MY PLEDGE

- 1. I hereby Pledge to do all I can in the alleviation of pain and discomfort of all the patients I am called upon to serve.**
- 2. I will endeavor to uphold at all times the true meaning of my profession.**
- 3. I Pledge to conform my office and business with the teachings I have received from my School or College.**
- 4. I will at all times conduct myself and business so that I may earn the respect and confidence of all whom I may contact. I hereby agree if I fail to do so, my certificate shall be revoked and returned to the Association.**
- 5. I will endeavor to have others in my profession and in vicinity who are graduates of an accredited college live up to the principles I have hereto set for myself and shall encourage them to join with our Association.**
- 6. To all the above principles I hereby Pledge my sacred word of honor.**

## RESPONSIBILITY

I see on page 57 of the Idaho A.A.M.M. News that I have been quoted as an authority on this question of "PRACTICE" — So without any Ax to grind, I want to offer a few points that I think are very important.

First!

Our pledge which every mem-

ber signs says this in the very first item. "I hereby pledge to do all I can in the alleviating of pain and discomfort of all the patients I am called upon to serve." Of course you must read the rest of it, but that is first.

Second!

The history of Massage is a long and interesting history. Thousands of years ago there was no other healing. Massage was the ONE AND ONLY method of healing—Whether it was a science or not I don't know!

Third!

The Priests of the Temple used massage to help their people, and thereby gained influence over them. Later they decided that the aid came from God, and Massage deteriorated into the "Laying on of hands" as they practiced it.

Fourth!

Dr. Hippocrates in the year of 66 B.C. speaking to his college of Doctors told them to never leave massage out of their practice, because if they did their profession would fail. Today the Doctors use Massage even in Surgery!

Fifth!

In later days we have a situation wherein certain people took certain movements in Massage, or certain features of our BROAD AND VALUABLE Profession and used that feature to the exclusion of all other. . . . For Massage is a Broad and Wide subject, and a broad and wide profession—One designed by our creator to do everything to humanity that he wanted done for them. But these people took the part they wanted and discarded other valuable parts because they found certain parts cumbersome and hard work. Thus Chiropractic was born, so was naturopaths, Sani-practors, Osteopaths, and a field of Drugless physicians, etc.

If there were a PERFECT MASSEUR he would know all about these things mentioned, and all these things our Creator wanted us to know to help each other and comfort each other. But in

this so-called Civilized World, this Great Profession has suffered, and sometimes we seem to lose sight of what our own Profession is about.

Life is of many sides, and many facets, and no stereotyped therapy will bring health to the body once it has fallen from grace. But in legal terms the politicians try to make life conform to their laws and policies and traditions—Jesus Christ had quite a struggle trying to explain that Life would not fit their pattern. Now we too, have the same struggle. The struggle to change their traditions and forms to fit life. Massage is involved in this struggle also.

True, no one Massage technician can know "ALL," that is why Mr. Carlson divided our Massage service in several categories when he got out our last Year Book—That is why the Medical Physicians have "Specialties" that is why we live to learn.

So in conclusion let me say, that previously we have had discussions of this matter of Practice—and we have found that we can't accept Chiropractors, not because Chiropractic is not part of Massage, but because of legal reasons, and because they want their own Association. And of course the same applies to the Medical Profession, legal restrictions and organized monopoly against us and we are not permitted to heal as we should. . . . But that should in no wise detract from our Objectives as outlined in our "PLEDGE"—"To do all I can in the alleviation of pain and discomfort of all the patients I am called upon to serve."

And the fourth item in the pledge, "I will at all times conduct myself and business so that I may earn the respect and confidence of all whom I may contact, I hereby agree if I fail to do so, my certificate shall be revoked and returned to the Association."

Of course the others are of like importance, so let's look at the broad program of Massage and

promote Massage to the best of the health of the Nation and of the entire world and all the people living in it.

Milton A. Niedfelt.

## NOT BUSINESS—BUT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Good Doctors, Dentists, and Attorneys, do not advertise, for it is considered unethical in their profession. Ours is also a profession I, personally, do not think our success is ever due to the amount of advertising we do, to our location, to the name of our Clinic, or to the contacts we make on the outside, but ONLY to the SERVICE we render.

Our A.A.M.M. decals, stamps and pins, our business cards and stationery, telephone directory ads, the sign on our Clinic, to inform the public what we do, and where to find us, these are necessities, they show our strength, our knowledge and our integrity.

My objection is to cheap advertising. If you have any thing to offer, you do not need a "Bargain Day."

The best advertising for us is a satisfied client, who will tell their friends about us, and send their family to us when they are in need of the kind of service we are trained to give.

The words of my first employer, following the completion of my training were, "If you cannot bring the people back, you will be no good to me, nor to yourself."

When business is slow, did you ever ask yourself, "If it were possible to change places with one of my clients, would I return for another treatment?" Look first to yourself, if you need an answer.

Our Hands are a Great Gift, let us use them more, and fewer machines.

I am speaking to you who are trained, so—regardless of the method you use, if it has proven beneficial and applied to the best of your ability, you cannot help

but succeed.

I have just finished my sixth year in my own Salon, and if it be considered success to have more business than I can handle, then I have gained it by study and hard work, and Brother it is hard work, what I have done, you can do, for I have no greater power than any of you, and I am happy to be able to offer a Helping Hand to my fellow man.

Regina Williams.

## 1955 NEW MEMBERS

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Vera A Nelson, Tenine, Wash.

Glen A Taylor, 600 Chestnut St., Atlantic, Iowa.

Harvey F. Schuler, Sr., 2146 Spencer Ave., Oroville, Calif.

Ezekiel A. Henry, 117 W. Worley, Columbia, Missouri.

Jonah D. Fox, R.R. 2, Butler, Pa.

Dr. Miller Trout, Y. M. C. A., Pottstown, Pa.

Orrel C. Kingsford, 2691 Chadwick St., Salt Lake City 6, Utah.

Elizabeth Ann Mullins, 23 East 1st South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sarah J. Van Wagoner, 3225 So. 6th E., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Della C. Jackson, 732 182nd Ave. E., St. Petersburg 8, Fla.

Howard C. Watson, 1461 Park Ave., Muskegon, Mich.

Bert F. Kidman, 3036 Connor St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Camille Reynolds, Lacon, Ill.

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Eunice Waibel, R.R. 2, Remington, Ind.

Bertha M. Urban, Ewing, Nebr.

Anna M. Waibel, R.R. 2, Remington, Ind.

Samuel E. Reafeng, 323 So. 50th Ave., Omaha, Nebr.

Buell B. Gurley, 745 1st Ave., Columbus, Georgia.

Ben Cohen, 456 Southland Blvd., Louisville 14, Ky.

Ruth P. Lyon, 508 So. 36th St., Omaha, Nebr.

Mattie T. Nickerson, 18th South 6th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!

The well hasn't run dry yet! —and if our members will pump a little harder, and a little smoother together, we will bring up a lot more new members—Since this is New Year's, let me encourage each of you to do this. In the meantime, my thanks and appreciation goes out to all of those that have helped sign up new members.

And let's use our influence to get members in new states, so we can set up New State Charters.

Milton A. Niedfelt.

## ADVERTISEMENT—

**MALE GRADUATE physiotherapist**, 28, white, single, don't smoke, curse or drink. Desires position in office or clinic of Masseur, Masseuse, or physiotherapist. Good references. Also trained as practical nurse. John Barks, Route 4, Box 50, Dalton, Georgia.

## WHAT IS PHYSICAL THERAPY?

Many people ask this question and rightly so, for physical therapy is a promising and fairly new specialty to most people.

Physical Therapy employs the use of physical agents to assist the body in correcting causes due to injury and unhygienic living.

In this respect physical therapy is as old as man himself. Ever since the beginning of time man has known the benefits of the ap-

plication and use of water, heat and massage.

Physical Therapy then, scientifically applies physical and other effective properties of heat, cold, water, electricity, exercise, massage, ultra-violet and infra-red radiant energy, cooperating with the patient's instinctive demands and requirements.

By the intelligent use and application of all these agents a whole new field has been opened up for the treatment of disease and injury.

Physical Therapy can be effectively prescribed for a great many different types of cases. Booklets are available which will give you a partial list of the wide variety of physical conditions which respond to physical therapy. Ask for them.

If you or some member of your family has been suffering from some problem muscular pain or a seemingly hopeless physical condition, physical therapy treatments with nutritional guidance, may well be your answer.

Carlson Clinic-Physical Therapy  
203 East Second Avenue,  
Rome, Georgia.

## EXTRA! EXTRA!

Dr. Charles Brooks  
Route 2, Box 5  
Decatur, Illinois.  
Dear Dr. Brooks,

Herewith attached is an item I think is of paramount importance. (see Newsclipping Times, Nov. 9).

And I want to remark that the powers that be are determined to 'CONTAMINATE' our food further. Up to date little has been done to destroy the value of milk except to cook it and pasteurize it. But Raw-fresh milk has stood the machinations of these "CONTAMINISTS"—Now to destroy the last hope we have!

Will you please give this item room in our valuable paper? Thank you.

Milton A. Niedfelt.

## PROTECTIVE MILK

(Minneapolis, Nov. 9)

Two University of Minnesota researchers have come up with findings indicating America's dairy cattle may be potent weapons in the fight against disease.

Experiments show that cows vaccinated for certain diseases have the power to produce milk which can protect its drinkers against those maladies.

Drinking of the "protective milk" affords only passive or temporary immunity and the protection continues only as long as such milk is consumed regularly.

But Drs. William E. Petersen and Berry Campbell said that, on the basis of findings to date, "it is possible to expect that through proper development and distribution of protective milk, whole populations can be protected from disease."

## TRI-CITY WOMAN TO BE 'COLONEL'

Mrs. Ruth Williams, Kennewick masseuse, will be commissioned a Kentucky colonel tomorrow noon at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in the Tri-City Country club.

Mrs. Williams' commission will be presented by Alford Amon, former mayor, on instructions from Gov. Lawrence W. Wetherby. The governor made his decision to commission the Kennewick woman while she was attending a national masseurs' convention in Kentucky.

M. A. Niedfelt.

## Unfavorable Publicity For Massage

One of the things we are going to have to turn our attention to is the unfavorable publicity that our profession is getting from television and movies. On Oct. 9, 1955 the Jack Benny show brought out some very bad advertising for massage. Of course it was meant

to be funny but nevertheless it is hurting us professionally. On this show Benny had a masseur come in to give him a massage and the masseur did everything that a masseur should not do and none of the things a masseur should do.

I wrote to our President asking him to send a protest to Mr. Benny, and to ask Mr. Benny to publicly apologize for the harm he has done to our profession. Mr. Carlson has agreed with me and has sent such letter. Mr. Carlson also asked me to write this article for the "Masseur." We want the cooperation of all you members, so that when you see such things, giving a bad name to massage, to report it to the President setting forth just what transpired so that he may write them asking, or may demand would be a better word, an apology. We must fight for our rights. Do you think the A.M.A. would take a thing like that lying down? Maybe they did years ago before they made themselves felt but not now. We too must stand out among the professions. The way to do that is to protest any bad publicity and see that more of the right kind is put before the public.

One of the ways to do this is to make movies of the proper way to administer massage and show the film on T.V. as a public service and show it to any group that we can interest. We must see that this is done ourselves because no other group is going to do it for us. Why not each member take it upon him or herself to help start such favorable publicity. In larger towns where you can get the members together in groups you can work out things together. So let's all make ourselves a committee of one to get something along this or some other line, started to promote massage to the public.

Jess Williams,  
3rd Vice-President,  
National A.A.M.M.

## A FREE MAN!

In the October 10th issue of the Idaho A.A.M.M. News I read these words. Page 57—"If a man does only what is required of him, he is a slave. If he does more than is required of him. He is a free man"—A. W. Robertson.

Surely and truly—our A.A.M.M. is doing what is required of us as a group. Otherwise how could we gain 30% membership in one year? . . . How could we beat back the elements that would stop our Masseurs from operating. How could we gain national wide attention in a mere five years, or so that we have been real active in our Organizational work?

But really! It is only a few good officers that are leading the way! Really it is not the membership as a whole! Like Mary Babbitt said in one of the last issues that our members should be more loyal to the Officers. And Paul Bocek says in one of his articles that many people must change their thinking.

Your Author wants to add that we must get to the Massage Technicians outside of our A.A.M.M. and tell them the good word that we our Organization have for them. Yes—What is it? . . . Article 2 of our Constitution: "The purpose of this Association is to foster the spirit of cooperation and exchange of ideas and techniques among its members and to advance the Science of Massage and raise the standards of the profession so as to merit the respect and confidence of all people and benefit mankind."

Yes we have been going about 10 years now—What have we done? . . . First we brought hope to the profession that we would have Schools, Ruth Williams our National Chairman on Schools reports to the author that she has written 35 schools and got some replies, it looks possible that there will be several that will meet our A.A.M.M. Standards! But this is not an easy job—I wonder how many of our members have writ-

ten her and tried to help her?

Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Mann have tried for several sessions now to get a State Law passed in Washington. After bending over backwards they find that ONE State Legislator in Spokane tied up the whole process—our legislative bill will never pass the Legislature while this man is in office. Maybe we won't even try to get our Legislation enacted this time.

But our association should be supported by Masseurs and Masseuses who should now know about our Association, who should know all about these things, but who don't act for the good of the profession.

It is true that people do like to ride on other people's "Coat Tail"—And it is the duty of our members to bring these people into our ranks and cause them to help push the load. What good does it do if our members or those not members to join some Social Organization, and don't take the Problems of our profession seriously?—How long will they last when "the powers that be" get busy and pass legislation to stop us?

The greatest enemy to our Welfare, to our A.A.M.M. and to every Masseur in the State of Washington is the Masseur that won't join our ranks and help us make and enforce a program that will make our profession decent, honest, profitable, recognized, and thriving!—If they won't join us in this program then they support the program of confusion and destruction of the Massage profession.

## NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota Chapter of the A.A.M.M. held their meeting at the Gardner Hotel with a dinner being served first and the meeting afterwards. The President and the Secy.-Treas. were the hosts. There were nine members present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Milford Bakke, Vice-President, as President Mr. L. Neels

was suddenly taken ill and was in the hospital at the time.

The members discussed how often we should hold our meetings and when the meetings should be held so the members could best get together.

Mr. Munro, Grand Forks, made the motion and seconded by Mr. Anderson, Valley City, that we hold our statewide meetings every three months. Carried.

Mr. Munro, Grand Forks, made the motion that we hold these meetings in Fargo, N. D. and was seconded by Mr. Anderson, Valley City. Carried.

The Sec'y-Treas. gave a report on the 1955 convention and where the next convention is to be held.

Mr. Munro, Grand Forks, made the motion, and seconded by Mr. Taves, Casselton, that we hold the convention and election of officers the latter part of June, and that they take office then, instead of August 1st. Carried.

Mr. S. G. Dahlgren gave the invitation to hold the next N. Dakota State Convention and election at his cottage by Floyd Lake, 3½ miles north of Detroit Lakes, Minn., and to bring the entire family along. The ladies could get together and work out a picnic dinner and lunch.

Mr. Taves, Casselton, moved that the chapter accept. Seconded by Mr. Boyer, of Portland. Carried. The last Saturday in June.

Motion to adjourn. Munro, Anderson. Carried.

Samuel G. Dahlgren. Sec'y-Treas.  
North Dakota Chapter

## HEALING HANDS

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## Illinois Chapter of A.A.M.M. Holds State Meeting In Canton

The Illinois Chapter held its State Meeting in Canton, Ill., Nov. 13, 1955 at the Elks club. Mrs. Mary E. Howells, State President, presided.

Twenty-two members were present, as the day started very foggy, and snow was predicted. We felt fortunate in having as many members present as we did for our meeting. We would have had one more member, as Mr. Ray Campbell of Olney, writes that he started, but motor trouble developed in his car. He had to return to his home, much to his regret, and ours.

Gifts were presented to all by Mary Howells.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, as were correspondence and the financial report.

A motion was made by Arthur Melson that the state treasurer, upon being notified of a member's death, be authorized to wire flowers. This was seconded by Dr. Ivar Williams.

Senator Scott of Illinois, gave a very interesting talk.

After the regular business meeting, Mr. Jean Wells gave a very good demonstration on how to relieve nervous tension. He also gave some good advice on treating them through conversation.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held in Chicago, Sunday, March 11, 1956. It was also agreed that a good will ambassador will be appointed in each town holding the meeting—It will be the ambassador's job to greet all members and make them feel welcome in your town. Anyone of our members in Chicago that would like this job, please write your secretary and treasurer at once.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by our good brother, Dr. Chas. Brooks.

After some conversation and hand shaking, the members parted

for their home town.

Come on all you Illinois members, let's all make this March meeting a 100% attendance. Let's make the A.A.M.M. big in Illinois. We need your help.

May God bless you and guide you in your good work.

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November 14, 1955

Mr. Milton A. Niedfelt  
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Dear Mr. Niedfelt:

With reference to the presentation of the Commission of Col. to Mrs. Ruth Williams from the Governor of Kentucky; the Kennewick Chamber of Commerce has made arrangements with Mrs. Williams and, also, with Mr. Alford Amon for the presentation to be made on Thursday, November 17th, 1955 at the Tri-City Country Club during the regular Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

We trust that this meets your approval. We are sorry that a delay was necessary but, because our immediate past programs have been combination programs with other organizations, etc., it has been impossible for us to schedule this event earlier.

Yours very truly,  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Edward D. Hopkins,  
Secretary-Manager.  
CC To Mrs. Williams  
Mr. Amon  
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